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SUBJ: ANGOLA AIRLIFT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL U.S. PLANES

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1. MAJOR SOARES, AIRLIFT COORDINATOR, CALLED ON OCTOBER 20 STATING THAT THE GOP WAS NOW REQUESTING THAT U.S. PROVIDE THE TWO ADDITIONAL PLANES PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED AND ANNOUNCED FOR THE AIRLIFT. HE REQUESTED THAT THE FLIGHTS BEGIN ASAP BETWEEN LUANDA AND LISBON.

2. SUCH FLIGHTS WOULD CONTINUE IN PRINCIPLE UNTIL TERMINATION OF AIRLIFT OCTOBER 31, ALTHOUGH CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR EXTENSION BEYOND THAT DATE IS STILL ESSENTIAL.

3. SOARES STATED THAT FROM A LEVEL OF 1300 PASSENGERS PER DAY A WEEK AGO FLOW HAS INCREASED TO 3000 PER DAY OR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 30,000 TO BE TRANSPORTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 21 AND 31. HE EXPLAINED INCREASE ON RECENT GOP ANNOUNCEMENT THAT REFUGEES WHO DID NOT SHOW UP FOR FLIGHT WOULD NOT BE GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE. IN ADDITION HE SAID THAT SOME FAMILIES IN ISOLATED AREAS WHO HAD THOUGHT OF REMAINING IN ANGOLA WERE MAKING BELATED DECISIONS TO LEAVE AS THEY SAW PORTUGUESE TROOPS LEAVING.

4. HE STATED THAT REQUIREMENT ALSO RESULTED FROM THE DIVERSION OF SOME TAP FLIGHTS TO CARRY CAPE VERDE REFUGEES FROM LUANDA TO SAL, AS WELL AS THE USE OF SOME CONTRACT OR TAP FLIGHTS TO HAUL REFUGEES' EFFECTS.

5. WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM SOARES OF OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS IN LUANDA E.G. LACK OF GROUND EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY GENERATORS AND SHORTAGE OF GROUND PERSONNEL FOR PROCESSING. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE WHAT MEASURES HE COULD FROM HERE THROUGH TAP.

6. FOR CONGEN LUANDA: REQUEST YOU CONFIRM INCREASED REFUGEE FLOW.

7. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS REMAIN, WE REQUEST ON BASIS OF INCREASED NEED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL U.S. AIRCRAFT BE PREPARED IMMEDIATELY TO ENTER AIRLIFT.  
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